

METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR  
ACCESSING FILES IN A FILE SYSTEM

ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a system, method, and program for processing an input file in a  
5 file system, wherein the input file has an input file name. A function is applied to  
map the input file name to a value. A data structure is processed to determine  
whether there is a preexisting file in the file system having a name that maps,  
according to the function, to the same value to which the input file name maps. Two  
10 files that map to a same value according to the function are capable of having a same  
name.

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